

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement

Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended

For Six Month Period Ending 11/30/2013

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the U.S.A. 5342

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1334 G Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

- (1) Residence address(es) Yes No
(2) Citizenship Yes No
(3) Occupation Yes No

(b) If an organization:

- (1) Name Yes No
(2) Ownership or control Yes No
(3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?
 Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?
 Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?
 Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

N/A

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?
 Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes No

Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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please see attached

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
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please see attached

\$ 77 491

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).
 8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.
 9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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please see attached

\$ 76 065

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts Magazine or newspaper Motion picture films Letters or telegrams
 Advertising campaigns Press releases Pamphlets or other publications Lectures or speeches
 Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- Email
 Website URL(s): www.nkrusa.org
 Social media websites URL(s): www.facebook.com/NKRinUSA
 Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials Newspapers Libraries
 Legislators Editors Educational institutions
 Government agencies Civic groups or associations Nationality groups
 Other (specify) Embassies, NGOs

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English Other (specify) Armenian

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

December 13, 2013

/s/ Robert Avetisyan

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Question 11:

During this 6-month period, have you engaged in any activity for or rendered any service to any foreign principal named in items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

Contacts

Date: 06/06/13

Contact: Members of Louisiana State Assembly Koepp, Murray, Carter,

Purpose: forwarded letters of Speaker of the NKR National Assembly

Contact manner: e-mail/ mail; (copies provided in attachment #1)

Date: 06/20/13

Contact: Member of the Fresno County Supervisor Andreas Borgeas;

Purpose: discussed issues around NK

Contact manner: lunch meeting

Date: 07/03/13

Contact: Members of the US Congress (list of recipients and sample letter attached)

Purpose: to forward NKR Parliament Speaker's July 4 congratulatory letters;
(copies provided in attachment #2)

Contact manner: e-mail/ mail

Date: 08/12/13

Contact: Offices of US Congressmen Frank Pallone and Michael Grimm

Purpose: discussion of Congressional event on Nagorno Karabakh

Contact manner: email / phone

Date: 09/30/13

Contact: Members of California State Assembly and Los Angeles City Council: Nazarian, Brown, Savage, Achadjian, Blumenfield, Wilk, Krekorian.

Purpose: Thank you letters for visiting NKR earlier;
(sample letter provided in attachment #3)

Contact manner: mail

Date: 10/08/13

Contact: Office of the OSCE American Co-Chair, Ambassador Warlick, US State Department;

Purpose: meeting with Office Advisor Jeffrey Hulse to discuss US involvement in regional developments;

Contact manner: meeting

Newsletters

(copies provided in attachment #4)

Date: 06/15/13, 06/30/13, 07/15/13, 07/31/13, 08/15/13, 08/31/13, 09/15/13, 09/30/13,
10/15/16, 10/31/13, 11/15/13, 11/30/13
Subject: Developments in NKR and related to NKR
Availability: email

Press-releases, Interviews, Articles, Media Alerts

(copies provided in attachment #5)

Date: 09/04/13
Subject: An Anniversary of independent Artsakh
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 09/23/13
Subject: Maryland's Armenia message highlights Nagorno Karabakh's democratic aspirations
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Registrant's attendance at conferences and forums generally re Nagorno Karabakh and the region

Date: 06/04/13
Event: Event on Armenia
Location: Center for Strategic and International Studies;
Keynote Speaker: Armenia's Foreign Minister E.Nalbandian

Dates: November 21-30, 2013
Official: Bako Sahakyan, NKR President
Itinerary: By invitation of the Armenia Fund, Inc., meetings in Los Angeles, CA, with media, experts and representatives of the Armenian-American community. Discussed issues related to the Nagorno Karabakh peace process and assistance to Nagorno Karabakh. In Glendale, California, participation in the annual telethon (fundraising) for humanitarian and development projects in Nagorno Karabakh.

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Question 14 (a):

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If yes, set forth in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.

The amount listed below is the total of such financial support and contributions to the NKR Office from all sources for the reporting period (06/01/2013 - 11/30/2013).

Name	Address line 1	Address line 2	Amount
NKR Government	28 Azatamartikneri St.	Stepanakert, NKR, Armenia	\$77,491.00
Total			\$77,491.00

Question 15 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal of such monies, including transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal: The Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

The following is a breakdown of those expenses incurred by the NKR Office in the USA during the reporting period (06/01/2013 - 11/30/2013).

NN	Purpose	Amount
1	Entertainment/meals: No U.S. officials or media representatives were guests	\$3,823
3	Health Insurance	\$5,148
4	Living expenses	\$38,100
6	Car rent/related expenses	\$4,504
7	Office Supplies	\$1,495
8	Parking	\$860
9	Postage/Courier	\$210
10	Rent Housing Expats	\$16,416
11	Telephone / Internet	\$3,047
12	Travel within US & International: No U.S. officials or media were guests	\$2,343
13	Website/Email	\$119
	Total operating expenses and other disbursements:	\$76,065



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2, February 20 st., Stepanakert, NKR

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« 05 » June 2013

Mr. Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
Louisiana State Senate

Dear Secretary Koepp:

On behalf of the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR), the National Assembly and myself I am writing to express our sincere gratitude to you for promoting the Resolution No. 151 in the Louisiana State Senate, which encourages legitimate freedom aspirations of the people of Nagorno Karabakh and calls on the US President and Federal Congress to support the self-determination and democratic independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic.

This Resolution represents a valuable contribution to the international support to the Nagorno Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to develop as a free and independent nation.

We believe that recognition of the NKR's achievements and its involvement with the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in the region is a crucial point for establishing regional peace and stability based on universal values.

I hope that adoption of the Resolution will open new possibilities for cooperation between our legislatures, and I invite you to visit our country anytime convenient for you.

Respectfully,

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Senator
Louisiana State Senate

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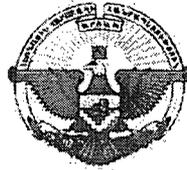
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Mr. Steve Carter
Member
Louisiana House of Representatives

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**Members of the U.S. Congress who received
July 4 congratulatory letters
from NKR NA Speaker**

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Harry Reid
The Honorable Jack Reed
The Honorable Barbara Boxer
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Richard J Durbin
The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
The Honorable Carl Levin
The Honorable Robert Menendez
The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
The Honorable Mark Kirk
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Steny Hoyer
The Honorable Frank Pallone
The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
The Honorable Devin Nunes
The Honorable Adam Schiff
The Honorable John Boehner
The Honorable James Clyburn
The Honorable Joseph Crowley
The Honorable Brad Sherman
The Honorable Bruce Braley
The Honorable David Cicilline
The Honorable Jim Costa
The Honorable Eliot Engel
The Honorable Anna Eshoo
The Honorable Chaka Fattah
The Honorable Rush Holt
The Honorable Jim Langevin
The Honorable Daniel Lipinski
The Honorable Stephen Lynch
The Honorable James McGovern
The Honorable Grace Napolitano
The Honorable Gary Peters
The Honorable Charles Rangel
The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
The Honorable John Sarbanes
The Honorable Jackie Speier

The Honorable Henry Waxman
The Honorable Ed Royce
The Honorable Eric Cantor
The Honorable Kay Granger
The Honorable Michael Grimm



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« 02 » July 2013

**The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate**

Dear Senator Boxer,

On behalf of the National Assembly the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and people of Artsakh, I extend congratulations to you and the American nation on the occasion of Independence Day of the United States.

The ideas and values enshrined in the July 4 Declaration of Independence even centuries later inspire the people of Artsakh struggling for freedom, independence and its rights.

We highly appreciate the role of the U.S. as an OSCE Minsk Group Co-chair in the settlement of the conflict between Azerbaijan and Artsakh and are committed to continue our efforts towards establishing final peace and stability in the South Caucasus.

Also, I would like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to you and the entire American nation for the continued humanitarian assistance, which has helped to eliminate the effects of devastating aggression by Azerbaijan.

Once again, I would like to congratulate your country with the holiday, and wish the American nation peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,

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Ashot Ghulyan



OFFICE OF THE NAGORNO KARABAKH REPUBLIC IN THE USA

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September 30, 2013

Mr. Dan Savage
California State Assembly
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0046

Dear Mr. Savage,

On behalf of the NKR government, I am writing to express our profound gratitude for your recent visit to Artsakh. Your understanding and support is absolutely critical as Artsakh continues to develop as open society and democratic sovereignty.

Since proclaiming Independence in 1991, we remain determined to building a strong and prosperous state, which will contribute to our shared values of human rights and liberties. We remain convinced that international recognition of our independence will greatly contribute to establishing a lasting peace and stability in the South Caucasus.

Once again, I want to thank you for visiting our home. It was a pleasure to welcome you. People of Artsakh are honored to have you among our friends.

We are looking forward to our continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Robert Avetisyan
Representative

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info@nkrusa.org • www.nkrusa.org

Question 16:

During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of the Artsakh Newsletters distributed during the reporting period (06/01/2013 – 11/30/2013)

ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

June 1-15, 2013

Artsakh Newsletter summarizes key developments in the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh and is prepared by the NKR Office in the United States.

POLITICS

Avenues for practical cooperation between Artsakh and the European Union were discussed in Brussels, between NKR Foreign Minister Mirzoyan and members of the European Parliament. While in Belgium, Minister Mirzoyan also met with representatives of NGOs and local Armenian community.

As part of European tour, Mirzoyan also visited France. In Paris he met with the France-Artsakh Friendship Group, and discussed practical cooperation in political, educational and cultural spheres. A special reception was organized at Marseilles Mayor's Office during which a sister-city relationship was formally launched between the French town of Les Pennes-Mirabeau and Artsakh's Martuni. Mirzoyan also gave an interview to France 24 TV. (click for video)

President Sahakyan met with Czech parliamentarians on visit to Nagorno Karabakh and stressed Artsakh's interest in deepening relations with the Czech Republic. Foreign guests also discussed Artsakh's legislature, electoral system and functioning of the republic's parliament during a separate meeting with the NKR Parliament Speaker Ghulyan.

ECONOMY

President Sahakyan received Artsakh-born philanthropist Levon Hayrapetyan to discuss further development of Vank in Mardakert district, which has become a popular tourist destination with its unique historical heritage, including the medieval Gandzasar Monastery, as well as leisure infrastructure (click for video).

SOCIETY

World-famous soprano Montserrat Caballé visited Artsakh calling it "a cradle of Christianity". Artsakh President awarded her with the "Medal of Honor" for her outstanding achievements in music ([click for video](#)).

Republican volleyball tournament took place in Martuni. President Sahakyan and French-Armenian philanthropist Garbis Nikoghosian, who supported the championship, were present.

Armenia's Minister of Health Derenik Dumanyan and Minister of Education Armen Ashotyan were in Karabakh to discuss cooperation in their respective fields. Ashotyan pledged to deliver educational films and electronic manuals, as well as 50 computers to schools in Artsakh.

HISTORY

June 12, 2013 marked the twentieth anniversary of the National Hero Monte Melkonian death in combat in the Karabakh war. In Martuni, the NKR leadership, guests from Armenia and Diaspora, [laid a wreath](#) at the monuments to Avo and all those perished while defending their homeland. ([click for video](#))

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SECURITY & POLITICS

Presidents of the three Minsk Group co-chair countries issued a statement on the Karabakh conflict. Obama, Putin and Holland ruled out a military solution to the conflict, calling once again on the sides to "prepare their people for peace, not war". Read full statement at:

<http://www.osce.org/mg/102856>

Artsakh Foreign Ministry welcomed the statement by the three presidents, and reiterated restoration of NKR's full participation in talks as a prerequisite of a successful peace process. Read more at:

<http://news.am/eng/news/158811.html>

Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian met with the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs to discuss the Karabakh peace process. "Armenia and the co-chairs will continue joint efforts aimed at resolving the Nagorno Karabakh conflict by peaceful means only, based on the principles and components proposed by the mediators," the minister said after the meeting. Read more at:

<http://www.aysor.am/en/news/2013/06/29/edvard-nalbandyan/>

NKR Parliament Speaker Ashot Ghulian received Russian MP Oleg Pakholkov who visited Artsakh to discuss the Karabakh peace process and prospects for the settlement of the conflict.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

President Bako Sahakyan visited the Karabakh silk factory that is scheduled to resume work and process wool, yarn, fabric and carpet weaving. Read more at:

<http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/visits/2116/>

3G mobile telecommunication services are now available in Artsakh. Click for video report at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ZQ_7U6OvP-w.

SOCIETY

Construction of apartment buildings, industrial college and Shoushi branch of the Armenian National Agrarian University has been launched in Shoushi. Read more at:

<http://news.am/eng/news/158309.html>

A top prize in the Eastern Report Network international contest was awarded to Swiss journalists Andreas Schneider and Meinrad Schade for series of articles on Artsakh. The journalists visited NKR in

2001. More details at:

http://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/163886/Swiss_journalists_works_on_Artsakh_win_top_prizes_at_intl_contest

Artsakh State University held a presentation of a book by General Yuri Pirumian, grandson of Sardarapat battle hero Daniel Bek-Pirumian, who visited Artsakh. Click for video report at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEObpFzEONw>

On June 29 Armenia marks the day of soldiers missing in action. President Sahakyan visited the Stepanakert Memorial and laid a wreath to the monument to freedom fighters. Click for video report at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=7cflh4ON0FA

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

June 28 marked the anniversary of the 1993 liberation of Martakert, one of Artsakh district centers, after nearly a full year of Azerbaijani occupation. At a special ceremony (click for video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=dQHbuJ5aSTo) the republic's President Bako Sahakyan who visited Martakert on this occasion pledged continued attention to the region's development and prosperity. More details at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/visits/2112/>

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SECURITY & POLITICS

In his remarks during the planned army command staff assembly, the Artsakh President Bako Sahakyan stressed the critical role of the military forces in establishment and defense of the Artsakh Republic. He assured that all would be done for continuing development and modernization of the Artsakh Army.

Sahakyan met with OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Leonid Kozhara to discuss the Karabakh peace process. President Sahakyan excluded any settlement without direct participation of the NKR within negotiations and stressed the importance of restoration of format approved by the OSCE Budapest Summit of 1994.

Foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan and OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs met in Vienna to discuss the current stage of Karabakh peace process and plans for further talks.

French MP Valerie Boyer called upon the international community to "recognize independence of Artsakh and draw it out of political and diplomatic deadlock."

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

French Petit Futé travel guide was released in France with a separate section on Artsakh.

A second internet service provider, Ucom, is likely to soon enter the NKR market.

SOCIETY

Artsakh hosted the 3rd International Festival of Young Performers of Classical Music "Tnjre" organized by NKR Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs. (click for video)

President Sahakyan handed diplomas to a group of distinguished graduates of the Artsakh State University graduates. While congratulating the students, NKR President stressed the importance of education corresponding to the modern standards.

A group of young people arrived in Artsakh from Diaspora and Armenia as part of Birthright Armenia Foundation's initiative. President Sahakyan highly appreciated the activities of this foundation in cementing ties between the Motherland and the Diaspora.

A newly-constructed kindergarten was opened in Drakhtik Village of Hadrout region funded by the NKR government and the All Armenian Fund. ([click](#) for video report of Artsakh TV)
Artsakh's youth joined in the biggest Armenian summer festival "Vardavar". ([click](#) for video)

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SECURITY & POLITICS

A recent violation of the cease-fire regime on the Line of Contact claimed the life of Private Arman Muradyan (born in 1993) who was fatally wounded on the NKR's north-eastern border. The Artsakh Defense Army undertook retaliatory measures. Read more at: <http://news.am/eng/news/139544.html>

The Senate and House Appropriations Committees of the U.S. Congress approved the FY 2014 State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill that expressed support for continued humanitarian assistance to Artsakh. More details at: <http://www.aaainc.org/index.php?id=1009>

A member of the British House of Lords, Baroness Caroline Cox was back in Artsakh with her delegation visiting with senior officials and touring the republic's main sites. Read more: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/meetingsWithForeignDelegations/2133/>

Also meeting with Artsakh's leadership was a delegation from Australia's largest state of New South Wales (NSW). The state legislature recently adopted a resolution supporting the independence and right to self-determination of Artsakh. Members of NSW parliament stressed the importance of recognition of Artsakh's right to self-determination by other Australian states. Read more at: <http://news.am/eng/news/162905.html>

The NKR Ministry of Foreign Affairs celebrated its 20th anniversary. In his remarks President Sahakyan congratulated Artsakh's diplomats and underscored the importance their work. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/workingMeetings/2136/>

In his report, Foreign Minister Mirzoyan highlighted the priorities of NKR diplomacy. Read more at: <http://nkr.am/en/news/2013-07-19/542/>

The NKR Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched its official pages on Facebook and Twitter.

See links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/MFANKR>

<https://twitter.com/mfankr>

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

According to a report in Armenian media, Russian-Armenian billionaire brothers Nikolai and Sergei Sarkisov have expressed an intention to invest in Artsakh's mining sector. Read more at: <http://news.am/eng/news/164437.html>

SOCIETY

Shoushi hosted guests from a number of countries during Bar Camp 2013 IT conference. See Artsakh TV's report in Armenian on Prime Minister Harutyunyan meeting with participants. More details at: http://telecom.arka.am/en/news/telecom/barcamp_artsakh_2013_unconference_launched_in_shushi_nagorno_karabakh/

State Chamber Choir of Artsakh won the third prize in the general category and the first place in the compulsory program during the Forth International Competition of Sacred Music "Laudate Dominum" in Vilnius. More details: <http://www.aysor.am/en/news/2013/07/11/mrakac-song-contest/> See Artsakh TV's video report at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6V77emp7ik>

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Azerbaijan violated the principles and norms of Geneva Conventions by not allowing the Red Cross delegates to meet the recently captured NKR Defense Army Private Hakob Injighulyan. Instead, Azerbaijan television broadcastan "interview" of the soldier intended to discredit the Armenian side. The Armenian government is taking efforts to repatriate Injighulyan as soon as possible, hoping to avert a repeat of past cases, in which captured ethnic Armenians have died in Azerbaijani captivity under suspicious circumstances.

NKR Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned Azerbaijan for its continuing campaign aimed at misleading the international community about the Karabakh conflict, in part by seeking (but failing) to impede visits by foreign citizens to Artsakh.

Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Azerbaijan and stressed there is only a political solution to the Karabakh conflict. NKR Defense Minister has expressed concern over weapons sales to Azerbaijan from Russia.

U.S. State Secretary announced the appointment of Ambassador James Warlick as the next U.S. Co-Chair of the OSCE Minsk Group. Secretary Kerry also stressed the U.S. continuing firm commitment to peaceful settlement to the Karabakh conflict.

The NKR government renewed its proposal on possible joint management of water recourses on the Artsakh-Azerbaijani border which can be beneficial for both sides and become a good example of confidence building measure to prepare nations for peace.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

The NKR Department of Tourism reported about continued rapid growth of tourism in Artsakh in the first quarter of this year. Some 16,000 visitors from 86 countries represent a 40 percent increase over last year. The number does not include citizens of Armenia, who have also been visiting Artsakh in greater numbers in recent years.

Fair of agricultural products was organized in Shushiby regional administration and local market management which allowed many farmers to demonstrate and sell their products in the market. Watch Artsakh TV report.

SOCIETY

Manush Minasyan was appointed as a new Rector of the Artsakh State University. Watch Artsakh TV report.

Local and international archeologists discovered ruins of another church along with a Christian sarcophagus during excavations in Tigranakert. Watch Artsakh TV report.

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POLITICS

Armenian Army Private Norayr Petrosyan was killed and Private Arthur Asoyan was wounded in a sniper attack initiated by Azerbaijani forces on Armenia's border with Nakhichevan. In separate incident on the Karabakh-Azerbaijani Line of Contact, Private Arshak Mkrtchyan was also wounded. In both cases of cease-fire violation, Armenian military units undertook retaliatory measures. Read more at: <http://asbarez.com/113173/two-soldiers-shot-near-nakhichevan/>

The Armenian Defense Ministry strongly condemned provocative actions of Azerbaijan and stated that "President Aliyev bears direct responsibility for the deaths of not just Armenian but also Azerbaijani soldiers." Armenia and NKR have long stressed their readiness to withdraw snipers to reduce the number of casualties on both sides of the Line of Contact, however the Aliyev regime has refused to do so. More details at: [http://arka.am/en/news/incidents/armenia_s_defense_ministry_says_azeri_president_responsible_for_deaths_of_armenian_and_azeri_conscri/](http://arka.am/en/news/incidents/armenia_s_defense_ministry_says_azeri_president_responsible_for_deaths_of_armenian_and_azeri_conscriptees/)

President Bako Sahakyan chaired a meeting of the NKR Security Council to discuss issues related to the Artsakh Defense Army building and the anniversary of Artsakh independence. Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/workingMeetings/2153/>

A group of Russian journalists and public figures visited Artsakh to meet NKR leadership and tour the republic. More details at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/workingMeetings/2155/>
Also at: <http://nkr.am/en/news/2013-08-26/550/>

The NKR Ministry for Foreign Affairs welcomes and encourages the visits of foreign officials and tourists to Artsakh. The visits and people to people contacts "contribute to the creation of an atmosphere of confidence and cooperation in the region and are essential for the international community to get truthful and objective information about the NKR", the ministry stated in a letter circulated at the UN General Assembly and Security Council in a response to Azerbaijan's unconstructive efforts to impede visits of foreign citizens to Artsakh. More details at: <http://nkr.am/en/news/2013-08-29/551/>

In another statement the NKR Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemned Azerbaijan for its attempts to use the Syrian humanitarian crisis, particularly the case of refugees from Syria taking refuge in Armenia and Artsakh, for its narrow political goals, misleading the international community about the Karabakh peace process. The ministry called upon the UN member states to rebuke Azerbaijan and support the mediation efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs.

Read full statement at: <http://nkr.am/en/news/2013-08-30/553/>

President's spokesman David Babayan stressed that it is NKR's obligation, based on norms and principals of international law, to provide assistance to its compatriots who became refugees as a result of Syrian civil war and decided to resettle voluntarily in Artsakh.

Read more at: <http://news.am/eng/news/168538.html>

ECONOMY

It is clear that Artsakh is crucial for the future of Armenian nation and its economic progress must be assured, stated Armenia's Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan during his visit to the Artsakh Republic on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of Artsakh Independence.

More details at: <http://gov.am/en/news/item/6871/>

Textile industry is one of the perspective areas of the Karabakh economy. President Sahakyan visited local silk plant to examine the activity of the factory.

Watch an Artsakh TV report at: <http://www.artsakhtv.am/am/news/show/5214>

Read more at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/visits/2156/>

SOCIETY

The Boston Armenian community has raised more than one million dollars to help Syrian Armenian families resettle in Artsakh. Earlier, Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan met with Syrian Armenian families at the village of Kovsakan.

More details at: <http://news.am/eng/news/167268.html>

Around 57 needy families in Stepanakert have received new apartments provided by the NKR Government prior to the upcoming anniversary of the NKR Independence.

Watch Artsakh TV report in Armenian at: <http://www.artsakh.tv/am/news/show/5189>

22 Artsakh students have received a reimbursement for their study tuitions. The program is initiated by "Aregak" (Sun) financial organization.

Watch Artsakh TV report at: <http://www.artsakhtv.am/am/news/show/5203>

President Sahakyan visited the main symbol of Artsakh - "We and our Mountains" monument, also well-known as Tatik-Papik (Grandma-Grandpa), currently undergoing renovation works.

More details at: <http://www.president.nkr.am/en/news/visits/2154/>

During his visit to Mardakert district President Sahakyan opened a new memorial to Artsakh Freedom fighters at the village of Tonashen.

Watch Artsakh TV report at: <http://www.artsakhtv.am/am/news/show/5199>

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

August 24 marks tragic anniversary of the death of one of the legendary commanders of the Artsakh war, Hero of Artsakh, Ashot Ghulyan (Bekor). Ghulyan commanded the first company (Arrachin Vasht) of the Artsakh Self-Defense Forces and participated in Khojalu, Shushi, Lachin and Mardakert operations. On August 24, 1992, Ghulyan was killed in combat near the village of Drmbon in Martakert district. In 1999, the NKR President posthumously awarded him a state honor of Artsakh Hero for his service to the republic. One of the Stepanakert schools and a park are named in his honor.

Watch a documentary about Ghulyan at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaSadQ5O3G4>
Also read more at: <http://old.hetq.am/en/karabakh/bekor/>

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POLITICS

The newly-appointed OSCE Minsk Group co-chair for the United States Amb. James Warlick visited NKR. In their meeting, President Bako Sahakyan welcomed Ambassador Warlick to negotiations and outlined Artsakh's views of the peace process. Amb. Warlick stressed that there is a need for compromise from all parties to the conflict to reach peaceful settlement.

In separate letters hand-delivered by Amb. Warlick President Barack Obama called on the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan to make more efforts to advance a peaceful resolution of the Karabakh conflict.

NKR Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan met the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Amb. Andrzej Kasprzyk, to discuss the regular monitoring of the Line of Contact.

A member of the German Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs from the governing CDU/CSU party Jürgen Klimke visited Artsakh to discuss bilateral relations. Klimke was preceded by a group of parliamentarians and journalists from Denmark. Also visiting was a delegation from Les Pennes-Mirabeau, a suburb of Marseille, France.

ECONOMY

NKR President received a briefing on the planned construction of the Vardenis-Martakert highway that will improve the road infrastructure linking NKR to Armenia; the project is expected to be the focus of the annual pan-national fundraising telethon.

A group of Russian businessmen and philanthropists led by Ruben Vardanyan was in NKR to discuss the republic's economic and cultural infrastructure development. Vardanyan's Ameria Bank opened a new office building in Stepanakert.

Italian businessmen met with Prime Minister Ara Harutunyan to discuss the possibility of launching manufacturing units in Artsakh for companies such as Versace, Armani, Prada and Moschino. See Artsakh TV report.

SOCIETY

President Sahakian expressed gratitude to American-Armenian benefactors Hacop and Hilda Baghdassarians for their long-term support for Artsakh. During their recent visit, the benefactors donated homes to several families in Shushi.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

This September 2 the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the republic's independence. On this day in 1991, in an effort to put an end to decades of discrimination and oppression within Soviet Azerbaijan and re-dress Joseph Stalin's arbitrary decision in 1921, the local representative bodies, reflecting the will of their electorate, adopted the Declaration of Independence that proclaimed the establishment of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. Azerbaijan responded with political blackmail, economic blockade and full-scale military aggression. Through determination and sacrifice, the people of Artsakh prevailed in defending their right to live in freedom under the government of their own choosing. "We feel the responsibility that we have to strengthen the statehood created through great sacrifices, develop the native land, and leave a strong and prosperous homeland for the generations to come," President Bako Sahakyan said in his congratulatory address in connection with the NKR Independence Day.

Armenia's President Serzh Sargsian congratulated the people of Artsakh on this occasion, while Prime Minister Tigran Sargsyan led a delegation to attend the festive events in Artsakh.

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POLITICS

A delegation comprising members and staff of the California State Assembly and Los Angeles City Council visited Artsakh and expressed support for Artsakh's freedom. They also opened a park of friendship dedicated to the cities of Shushi and Los Angeles. See Artsakh TV's video.

NKR President Bako Sahakyan met with Speaker John Perez of the California State Assembly to discuss ways to expand relations.

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley issued a proclamation on Armenia's Independence Day mentioning Artsakh as a "fledgling democracy". The document also stressed that "Armenia, Nagorno Karabakh and the United States shared the same values and believe in the fundamental principles of freedom, democracy, self-determination and human rights", and expresses support to "all those who chose to develop as free and democratic nations."

Visiting Artsakh for the 80th time was a member of the British House of Lords Baroness Caroline Cox and accompanying group. Baroness Cox was awarded with the Order of Mesrop Mashtots for decades of dedication to Artsakh.

Other visitors included a veteran member of the Canadian Parliament Stephan Dion and a delegation from the French city of Vienne, headed by Mayor Jacques Remiller.

Artsakh Foreign Minister discussed NK peace process with British MPs, members of the Armenian-British Friendship Group Stephen Pound and John Whittingdale.

Azerbaijan's defense ministry once again officially refused to withdraw snipers from the border, which was suggested by the Armenian sides and international mediators to reduce cease-fire violations and reduce casualties on both sides.

"Regardless of Azerbaijan's destructive stance, Armenia will continue its efforts towards the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict exclusively through peaceful means and on the basis of the purposes, principles and norms reflected in the UN Charter", said Armenia's Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandian in his statement at the UN General Assembly.

SOCIETY

The newly-completed Republican Medical Center opened in Stepanakert.

The main symbol of Artsakh "We are our Mountains" monument, known as Tatik-Papik (Grandma-Grandpa), was reopened after renovations.

President Bako Sahakyan joined President Serge Sargsyan and Catholicos Garegin II at the consecration ceremony of the Holy Transfiguration Cathedral in Moscow, Russia.

President Sahakyan issued a letter of condolences in connection with the passing of American-Armenian philanthropist Gerard Cafesjian.

Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan met with a group of representatives and donors of the "Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund to discuss further cooperation. See Artsakh TV report.

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President Bako Sahakyan visited France and Belgium. While in Paris, NKR head of state and a delegation that includes deputy prime minister Artur Agabekyan and foreign minister Karen Mirzoyan met with representatives of the French Armenian community and members of 'Support to Karabakh' association. In Lyons, Sahakyan awarded the NKR's "Gratitude" medal to the French chapter of the Hayastan Fund at an event to mark its 20th anniversary. In Brussels, Sahakyan addressed the annual conference of the European Armenians and met with Belgian-Armenian Chamber of Commerce. The president also met with the head of the EU-Armenia Parliamentary Friendship Group Eleni Theocharous and a group of her colleagues.

An international conference "Artsakh's National Liberation Struggle: From Gulistan [Treaty of 1813] to Today" took place in Stepanakert, involving a number of Armenian and foreign experts. A prominent British human rights lawyer, Geoffrey Robertson QC cited NKR's accomplishments in institution-building and argued that "it is time to recognize Nagorno Karabakh as an independent state." Also speaking at the conference was the former Ambassador of Germany to Armenia Hans Johan Schmidt and French parliamentarian Francois Rochebloine, who chairs the France-Artsakh Friendship Circle.

A delegation from the Mayor's Office of the French town of Les-Pennes-Mirabeau, a suburb of Marseille, visited the NKR district center of Martuni to meet mayor Mher Khachatryan and other local officials to discuss cooperation opportunities.

ECONOMY

The Hayastan Fund's annual Thanksgiving Day Telethon will be dedicated to the construction of the Vardenis-Mardakert highway that will provide an important additional link between Armenia and Artsakh.

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POLITICS

In yet another violation of the 1994 cease-fire agreement, Azerbaijani forces fired on civilian and military vehicles traveling on the border road in Armenia's north-east. The attack claimed the life of Private Garik Poghosyan (born in 1994), and three other servicemen were hospitalized. The Armenian military took retaliatory measures.

A routine OSCE-led monitoring of the Line of Contact in Karabakh had to be cancelled after shots were fired from the Azerbaijani side. The mediators issued a statement calling for a comprehensive investigation of the incident.

Cease-fire issues were discussed in separate meetings of Artsakh's President and foreign minister with the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office in Stepanakert.

Artsakh President and delegation visited Belgium and the Netherlands, where they met with members of the Belgian and Dutch legislatures, as well as representatives of the Dutch Armenian community and Brussels-based "European Friends of Armenia."

In Yerevan, Artsakh's foreign minister met with the EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus Philippe Lefort.

In his address at the UN General Assembly in New York, Armenia's Permanent Representative to UN, Ambassador Garen Nazarian noted that "Azerbaijan rejected confidence-building measures proposed by international mediators" that could help prevent cease-fire violations and associated loss of life on both sides.

The Foreign Policy Journal published an article "Azerbaijan's Interpretation of Article 41 of the UN Charter: Rhetoric vs. Facts" by Aram Avetisyan of the NKR Office in Washington. The article challenged Azerbaijan's policy of isolation towards Armenia and Artsakh in the context of international law.

ECONOMY

The annual Thanksgiving Day Telethon scheduled by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund this November 28 will help raise funds for the construction of the Vardenis-Mardakert highway. Artsakh authorities call the project crucial for a comprehensive development of the entire republic, with the road serving important economic and security functions.

As part of fund's campaign, Artsakh Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Aghabekyan visited the state of California to meet with American-Armenian community members.

SOCIETY

New equipment to perform plastic and reconstructive surgeries were provided to the newly-built Stepanakert Central Republican Hospital by Dr. Hratch Karamanoukian and Dr. Raffy Karamanoukian as part of their continued support for Artsakh's medical sphere.

A Museum of Carpets was opened at the Center of Arts in Shushi. The museum collection comprises over 250 carpets and rugs. Watch an Artsakh TV report.

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Presidents Bako Sahakyan and Serge Sargsyan visited several army units and attended military exercises in Artsakh and discussed planning priorities with senior Defense Army officers.

Following their regional trip, co-chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group announced plans to organize another meeting between Armenian and Azeri presidents later this year.

The Artsakh people's struggle for freedom and independence was discussed during the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) held in Busan, South Korea. The delegation of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin called upon the WCC to condemn the double standards on this issue.

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NKR minister of agriculture and delegation visited the Netherlands to study local practices. A conference titled "Tourism in Karabakh" was organized in Stepanakert with participation of a number of tourism related organizations and operators.

SOCIETY

NKR President Bako Sahakyan received Belgian-Armenian philanthropist and businessman Andre Gumuchdjian to discuss issues related to his involvement in projects in Artsakh.

A new elementary school was inaugurated in Hovsepavan village, Askeran Region.

Artsakh has announced plans for a new census to be held in 2015.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

November 12 marks the official opening of the Goris-Stepanakert highway. The road of life as it is known became Artsakh's main on the ground connection with Armenia. The reconstruction of Goris-Stepanakert highway started in 1995, a year after the establishment of the cease-fire, and was

completed in November 1999. The realization of the project became possible through the efforts of Armenians all over the world who thus contributed to the security and development of Artsakh.

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Armenian President Serge Sargsyan met his Azerbaijani counterpart Ilham Aliyev, in what the first meeting since January 2012. The meeting in Vienna, Austria, for a tête-à-tête discussion of the Karabakh peace preceded calls to both presidents by Secretary of State John Kerry. In a statement issued by the Co-Chairs after the summit, the mediators stated that the presidents agreed "to advance negotiations toward a peaceful settlement" and "to meet again in the months ahead."

The United States, Russia and EU welcomed the meeting of the presidents to advance the settlement of the Karabakh conflict. Meanwhile, Switzerland, Brazil and Japan separately expressed their support of the efforts and mediation framework of the OSCE Minsk Group to find a peaceful settlement of the Karabakh conflict.

In comments following the summit, NKR Foreign Ministry stressed the importance of "the resumption of high level meetings between the presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan after a long break." The Ministry also reiterated that "real progress in the settlement process could only be reached by ... the restoration of full-format negotiations with direct and immediate participation of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in all its stages."

The U.S. City of Highland, California, established Sister City Relationships with the Artsakh City of Berdzor, Kashatagh region. Earlier, the City Council of Highland adopted another proclamation that recognized the independence of NKR and urged the U.S. President and Congress to support Artsakh's independence and democracy.

ECONOMY

"Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund concluded its 16th international telethon securing more than \$22 million in donations and pledges. Read more details here.

While launching the discussions over next year's state budget, President Sahakyan stressed the importance of maintaining the social orientation and special attention to development projects in 2014.

SOCIETY

Well-known singer, composer and producer, the son of the world-famous Spanish tenor Placido F. Domingo Jr. arrived in Artsakh to perform a concert in Stepanakert organized with the cooperation of the "Mezzo Production" and the Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs of NKR.

American television and radio host Larry King accepted the invitation to visit Artsakh after his meeting with President Sahakyan in Los Angeles. The former CNN host also made a donation to Telethon 2013.

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During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of the Press Releases and Medial Alerts distributed during the reporting period (06/01/2013 – 11/30/2013)

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PRESS RELEASE

September 4, 2013

An Anniversary of Independent Artsakh

Congressmen, Canadian MP Extend Congratulations to the Republic

Washington, DC – On September 2, 1991, the Nagorno Karabakh legislature announced the formation of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. The historic decision 22 years ago has effectively reversed Joseph Stalin's arbitrary resolution of 1921 to make Artsakh an Armenian autonomous region under Soviet Azerbaijan. September 2, 1991 also symbolizes the end of decades of discrimination and oppression that followed Stalin's decision.

People of Nagorno Karabakh chose sovereign development as part of a lasting commitment to establish a free and democratic society. Twenty-two years after the historic Declaration and defending its liberty on the battlefield, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (Artsakh) remains adherent to developing as an independent democracy and a reliable member of the international community.

Members of the U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament have congratulated Artsakh people and authorities on the occasion. U.S. Representatives Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Michael Grimm (R-NY), the co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian issues, in particular, noted that the "Formation of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in 1991 was a testament to fundamental principles of freedom and democracy...We are committed to continuing our support of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and of the aspirations of your fledgling democracy and its people".

Statement by a member of the Canadian House of Commons Jim Karygiannis also congratulated the people of Artsakh on the occasion. "Today the Nagorno Karabakh Republic is ... independent, democratic and fully functioning state, with a thriving market economy and a dynamic civil society", says the Canadian MP, who also let the country's observation mission during the 2012 presidential elections in Artsakh.

NKR Representative Robert Avetisyan expressed his gratitude to the U.S. Congressmen and to Canadian parliamentarian for their continued support to Artsakh's sovereign development.

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PRESS RELEASE
September 23, 2013

Maryland's Armenia message highlights Nagorno Karabakh's democratic aspirations

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley issued a proclamation on Armenia's Independence Day that also noted Nagorno Karabakh as a "fledgling democracy". Maryland has thus become the latest U.S. state to have publicly expressed support for Artsakh.

The document also stressed that "Armenia, Nagorno Karabakh and the United States share the same values and believe in the fundamental principles of freedom, democracy, self-determination and human rights."

As proclamation states, people of the State of Maryland uphold and embrace those values and extend their support to "all those who chose to develop as free and democratic nations."

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